

## FOR FIRST TIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY THE HARVEST HANDS GET LIVING WAGES!



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Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 24.—It's "white wheat bread" and \$3.50 a day for the man who works in the harvest field this summer.

Last summer the harvest hand was a hobo, he worked from sun-up to sun-down, and his wages were \$1 and \$1.50 a day.

This summer he's an organized "migratory worker" and he's drawing union wages—\$3.50 a day for 10 hours' labor.

Last summer the harvest hand "fed" on salt pork and corn bread and bunked in a hay loft. Now he eats good food and sleeps between blankets.

Last year and for 50 preceding years America's "bumper crop" was "hogged" by the farmer, the elevator man and the Wall st. financier. They banked their profits in the fall, while the harvest hand "hit the ties" for town, and often before harvest was ripe again he was feeding at some free soup kitchen.

This year it's different. The "migratory" worker has stepped right up and grabbed some of the "prosperity" that's flooding the country. He has doubled his wages in the last six months, bettered working conditions and raised the standard of agricultural labor.

At the headquarters of Agricultural Workers' organization here I heard how the harvest hands had "tumbled



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to themselves" and answered the call of Wm. D. Haywood, secretary of the I. W. W. to organize "one big union" and fight for fair wages for a fair day's work; why the "bos" had forsaken the "jungles" and quit the "mulligan" cans and organized a